



Jesus and Pilate: A Discussion On Power
Text: John 18:28–19:16
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John 18:28-19:16 talks about the conversation between Jesus and Pilate. This passage shows that Jesus and Pilate have two very different understandings of what it means to be in charge. In other words, Jesus and Pilate very much disagree with what real power looks like.

What we see in John 18:28-19:11 is all that represents good (Jesus) and all that represents evil (Pilate) having a conversation about who's in charge of the world.

Understanding true power is important for us as believers if we're going to walk God's way.

To trust Jesus is to believe that God's kingdom, God's powerful rule of His creation comes in a way that we don't expect.

Real power isn't the ability to take a life, it's the ability to give life. Real power isn't the ability to destroy another person, but the ability to restore another person.

The challenge of Jesus is to trust His way of getting things done. It's to trust His way of doing power.

The world's way of power is seen in its threats and brute force. For God, it's power is seen in self-giving love.

Every time we have the opportunity to get offended, we make the choice to follow Jesus' way or the world's way. As believers we accept the challenge to walk in the ways of Jesus - the way of love, mercy, and forgiveness.

